

* INDIANA SINCLAIR-TIMEX USERS GROUP NEWSLETTER *

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Users Group ISTUG, will be at the home of Willie Jones, our ISTUG BBS Sysop. His address is 10126 East 33rd Street, Indianapolis and he can be reached by calling 317-897-9225 if you need directions. The meeting will start at 1:30 P.M., Saturday February 21, 1987.

Officers of the club are not eligible for door prizes, but those other members who attend are eligible. The winner at the last meeting was Joe Payne, who won several years back issues of SYNTAX. Who will be next?

If all goes as planned we will be making a side excursion to look at some hardware for our computers. See you at the next meeting.

Dues Structure of ISTUG

Here is the dues structure set up for ISTUG. For those who are too far away to attend meetings or out of state but would still like to be able to use the BBS and receive the newsletter plus have the technical support of the group on both hardware and software, the dues are \$7.50 a year. For full membership in the group, which includes all of the above plus special savings on any group buys on software, meetings and full use of the groups library of books, mags and programs, the cost is \$10.00 per year. Make all checks payable to Indiana Sinclair-Timex Users Group or to ISTUG. We have applied for tax exempt status, so wish us luck with the IRS. The checks should be sent to ISTUG, 513 East Main St., Peru, IN 46970.

If you know of someone who would be interested in getting a free copy of our newsletter, have them send me a SASE at the above address. For other user groups we will do a free exchange of newsletters with them. When they do an exchange with us they will get the right to reprint material from our newsletter and we would like to have that reciprocated whenever possible. We have some fine newsletters out there. Those with whom we are exchanging already can be checked out by members by contacting Willie Jones (whose address and phone number are given in the above article about the next meeting).

T S Horizons

Most of you know by now that T S Horizons will cease to publish after Issue No. 29. The latest issue was issue No. 21. I will hate to see the end of this magazine, although it was at times tardy in its publishing schedule. Two reasons I will hate to see it go are: 1) I have been writing a column for it about the use of the Wafadrive and reviewing software for it. 2) It had many great articles and programs in it that were helpful to the TS community.

Rick Duncan says he will fulfill all of his obligations to his subscribers and take on no new ones. I believe he will.

THE 1987 MIDWEST

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COMPUTER FEST

MAY 2ND and 3RD 1987

Starts 9:00 A.M. each day

This is the 2nd big year for this Fest. If you missed last years show we did at Cincinnati, Ohio...then do not repeat that error...come to the show this year at Indianapolis, Indiana. This year we have nearly three times the exhibit space of last year and more hardware and software dealers. This is the only place in the Western Hemisphere that you can get the opportunity to see almost all of the hardware and programs that are available for the Timex-Sinclair and Sinclair lines of computers.

There will be two full days of products on exhibit for you to buy, many at bargain prices. There will also be two days of lectures, seminars and demonstrations. Many of these will be conducted by the very people we have all come to admire for the programs and peripherals that they have made available for us, when the world market thought we had hit bottom.

This years show will be held at the Holiday Inn-North, 3850 Depauw Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46268. This is located on the North side of the city, just off I-465 at Highway 421. We have made special arrangements for commercial rates of only \$52 per room, any available size and occupancy (but only if you tell them it is for the Midwest Timex-Sinclair Computer Fest). Reservations can be made by calling 317-872-9790. Hurry and book early. This is the ideal vacation for all of us and is a full service Holidome Inn with all of the expected amenities and then some.

You may pre-register for this fantastic event by doing the following: Send your check or money order to the following address- Midwest Timex-Sinclair Computer Fest, 513 East Main Street, Peru, Indiana 46970. Prices are as follows.

Individual registration

\$4.00 if received by 3-30-87

\$6.00 after that date and at the door

Family registration

\$7.00 if received by 3-30-87

\$9.00 after that date and at the door

All inquiries for further information should be accompanied by a SASE in order to be answered. If you wish confirmation of your pre-registration send a SASE. User Groups welcomed.

MAIL ORDER

One thing that we users of Timex and Sinclair Computers do is....a lot of mail order of programs and peripherals, so I have excerpted the following from an issue of ATSU HOME COMPUTER USERS, Vol. 4 NO. 6. This was compiled by Don Guess Jr.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has a rule requiring mail order purchases to be shipped within the time stated in the company's printed or broadcasted offer. If no time is stated, shipment must be within 30 days after the company receives the order, unless the buyer is contacted and consents to a delay.

Contact:

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20580
(202)-523-3600

MAIL FRAUD and MISREPRESENTATION

The Inspection Service, headed by the Chief Postal Inspector, is the law enforcement and audit arm of the Postal Service which performs security, investigative, law enforcement and audit functions. It is responsible for investigations of approximately 85 Federal statutes relating to the Postal Service. Mail fraud, false mail order advertising, and unsatisfactory mail order transactions all come under the Inspection Service's jurisdiction. Some examples include: chain letters; work-at-home schemes; pyramid sales promotions; exaggerated cosmetic, diet, medical and energy saving products; misused credit cards; coupon redemption; false billing; and franchising schemes.

Contact:

Local Postmaster
or Local Postal Inspector, or

Chief Postal Inspector
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
Room 3517
Washington, D.C. 20260
(202)-245-5445

MAIL: CONSUMER TIPS FOR GOOD MAIL ORDER SERVICE WHEN YOU BUY

Comparison shop. Find out if the merchandise is available from another mail order source. If so, is the cost the same or maybe even less?

Check the advertising claims. Are they too good to be true? Reliable firms do not overpromise. Check the description of the product carefully and, if you send for it, keep a copy of the ad or catalog from which you ordered.

Find out if there is a warranty. Read it carefully. Does it offer your money back if you're not satisfied?

Check the time limit on delivery. If none is stated, the maximum length of time the FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC) says all you have to wait is 30 days.

Ask the company for a more detailed description of the product or its guarantee if you have any doubts about either.

COMMUNICATIONS

From the ZX/TS Forum

LIST Feb 1985

Yes you can open/close your friends buffer and even ring his bell!

All you got to do is: 1) PRESS SYMBOL SHIFT and CAPS SHIFT together 2) HOLD THE TWO SHIFTS DOWN and press:

R: to open his buffer

T: to close his buffer

G: to ring his bell

One more thing, when your computer asks you for "PROMPT STRING?" or "CHARACTER DELAY?".....Just hit the ENTER key. This is a simpler way to send a program.

Hope this helps you to make better use of that modem when you are using it from your computer to a friends and want to send text or a program.

WINDCHILL

From the ATSU Newsletter
VOL 4 NO 6

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10 FOR I=1 TO 5
20 INPUT "FARENHEIT TEMPERATURE";T: IF T>50 THEN GOTO 20
30 INPUT "WIND VELOCITY";W: IF W<5 OR W>60 THEN GOTO 30
40 LET X=91.4-(91.4-T)*(.474266+.303439*SQR(W)-.0202886*W)
45 LET X=INT(X+.5)
50 PRINT "WIND CHILL =";X
55 PRINT
60 NEXT
65 PAUSE 5000
70 FOR I=0 TO 23
80 CSR 0,23: PRINT
90 NEXT
95 CLS
100 PAUSE 2000
110 GOTO 10
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FREE ADS

WANTED: 64K Rampack for TS1000. Ralph McCrum, P.O. Box 1161, Mishawaka, IN 46544 or call 219-256-5870.

WANTED: Good used copies, with documentation, of the following Spectrum programs: 1) Omnicalc 2) Masterfile 3) Bored With the Rings 4) The KET Trilogy 5) Lord of the Rings 6) Spellbound 7) Doomdark's Revenge 8) Eye of the Moon. Anyone wanting to sell or trade any of these get in contact with: Frank Davis, 513 East Main St., Peru, IN 46970 or call 317-473-8031.

WANTED: Free ads for all members can be had by sending them in to me at the address of ISTUG.

To wind up this issue let me say the following. One, please forgive the slight lateness, 10 days is too much but has been unavoidable. We are trying to get back on track and could use some extra help in getting out the newsletter. I want to see it grow in quality and quantity. It is not big, but we try for quality. We need more articles, programs and tips/uses for our computers and peripherals. We do have some exciting things coming up soon, courtesy of Basil Wentworth, Paul Holmgren, James Kerr and Joan Kealy.

For those who have not done so in the past, please fill out the last page and return it, so we may better serve you.

INDIANA SINCLAIR-TIMEX USERS GROUP

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Peru, Indiana 46970

Please fill out these questions completely and return to the above address. Thank you.

Name -----

Address -----

City/State ----- Zip -----

Phone No. Home ----- Office -----

Occupation ----- Age -----

Equipment

Please indicate how many and what type you have.

ZX 80 ---- ZX 81 ---- TS 1000 ---- TS 1500 ----

TS 2068 ---- Spectrum ---- QL ---- Other -----

2040 Printer ---- Other printer -----

Modem & type ----- Disk Drive ----- Microdrive -----

Other Equipment -----

What BBS Board are you on & ID No. Compuserve -----

Source ----- MCI ----- Others -----

What languages do you program in?

Basic ---- Machine ---- Forth ---- Others -----

Computer interest: i.e. games, business, BBS Boards, others

What day of the week should we have the meetings? -----

What would you like to see at the meetings? -----

Would you write articles or programs for the newsletter? -----

What articles should be in the newsletter? -----

Comments -----